

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Swearingen et al.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>2141</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/815,210</b>	§	Examiner: <b>Shaw, Peling A.</b>
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Filed: <b>March 31, 2004</b>	§	Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920030808US1</b>
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For: <b>Method and System for Authorizing a Restricted Callable Status in an Instant Messaging System</b>	§	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of Claims** begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 5** of this paper.